



## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

### A PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, lead poisoning is a leading environmental health threat to children, and

**WHEREAS**, in 2004 more than 3,200 Wisconsin children under 6 years of age were identified with a blood lead level of 10 micrograms/deciliter or greater, and

**WHEREAS**, blood lead levels as low as 5 micrograms/deciliter are associated with harmful effects on a child's ability to learn and develop, and high levels can cause death, and

**WHEREAS**, early detection of lead poisoning through routine screening of children ages 1-5 years, when they are most vulnerable, allows prompt treatment and intervention, and

**WHEREAS**, lead poisoning is a preventable disease through the removal or control of lead paint dust and paint chips in a child's environment, and

**WHEREAS**, Wisconsin is committed to eliminating childhood lead poisoning by the year 2010 and has developed a strategic plan to accomplish this commitment, and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor's KidsFirst Initiative supports prevention efforts and screening of homes for exposed lead in order to eliminate risks, and

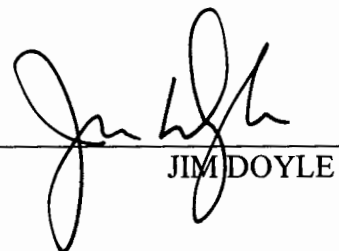
**WHEREAS**, Wisconsin is committed to providing healthy environments for children to grow and reach their full potential;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Jim Doyle, Governor of the State of Wisconsin do hereby proclaim **October 23 – 29, 2005** as

### **CHILDHOOD LEAD POISONING PREVENTION WEEK**

in the State of Wisconsin, and I commend this observance to all citizens.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this fourth day of August in the year two thousand five.

  
JIM DOYLE

  
  
DOUGLAS A. FOLLETT  
Secretary of State